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Mr. Robert M. Macy, Chief
International Organizations Division
Bureau of the Budget
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Macy:

The United States Information Agency stated that they required additional intelligence support of the Community. This question was originally raised through the Bureau of the Budget several months ago. A survey has been made of their requirements and the report has been rendered proposing the method of meeting their requirements, a copy of which has been made available to your staff.

Further consideration has been given to these requirements and a number of steps will be taken to strengthen the intelligence support of the USIA program. Certain of the NIS work now being carried out by the Department of State has been re-directed to give added support to USIA. In addition, it is proposed to expand the NIS activities in the Department of State during the current year to support the USIA requirements, the cost of which will be in an amount not to exceed \$72,575. It is requested that a release from the Reserve for Contingencies be approved in this amount in order to provide for the necessary expansion of the NIS work in the Department of State in support of USIA needs.

Based upon present plans, a further increase, estimated at \$21,950 will be required during the fiscal year 1956.

Your approval of this request by signing and returning a copy of this letter to this Office, will be appreciated. It is understood, of course, that no withdrawals from the Reserve will actually be made unless the additional cost cannot be absorbed within the budgeted amount approved for the Agency.

Sincerely yours,

/s/

E. R. Saunders
Comptroller

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